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In re Application of:

SPRAGUE et al.

Art Unit: 3728

Application No. 09/458,132

Primary Examiner: Bryan P. Gehman

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Re: VERI MAG PACK

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AMENDMENT

**To The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 3, 2001, the time to respond which is herein extended by two (2) months to December 3, 2001, please enter the following Amendment.

IN THE ABSTRACT

a new substitute abstract is submitted herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 251 as a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,842,629 filed on August 9, 1996 and granted on December 1, 1998. The present amendment is in response to the Official Action dated August 3, 2001, which Official Action superseded the previous action mailed July 18, 2001. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the rejection of the last Official Action.

Claims 5, 7-11, 13-16 were canceled, claims 17-18 were added, and claims 1-4 of the original patent remain unchanged. Thus, claims 1-4 and 17-18 are pending in the application.

Further consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.